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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/049,456 Confirmation No. : 3880
Applicant(s) : Israel Raleigh LURIE et al.
Filed : August 21, 2002
TC/A.U. : 3736
Examiner : Rene T. Towa
Title : APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

Docket No. : 26354-0001
Customer No. : 24633

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Commissioner for Patents

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. The required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. ☐ Was previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Is enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit Under 37 CFR § 1.132
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other Form PTO-1449 along with references cited

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2. ☒ **Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:**

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00 (60.00)
<input type="checkbox"/> two month	\$ 450.00 (225.00)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three month	\$1,020.00 (510.00)
<input type="checkbox"/> four month	\$1,590.00 (795.00)

3. **Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16):**

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number as Previously Filed	Number Extra	At Rate of	Fee \$ 790.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	22 - 22 =	0	\$50/25 each =	+\$.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	3 - 3 =	0	\$200/100 each =	+\$.00
Three-Month Extension of Time Fee				\$ 1,020.00
SUB-TOTAL =				\$ 1,810.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity				-\$ 905.00
Minus Two-Month Extension of Time Fee Paid on April 10, 2006				-\$ 225.00
TOTAL FILING FEE =				\$ 680.00

4. **Miscellaneous:**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1,103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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5. **Fees:**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

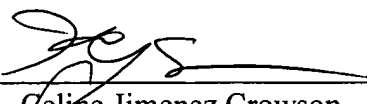
- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$680.00 is enclosed for the RCE and Three Month Extension of Time minus Two-Month Extension of Time Fee Paid on April 10, 2006 fees noted above.
- b. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) in the amount of \$
- iii. ☐ Other
- ☒ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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